

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Andhra Pradesh Medical and Health Services - Dr.M.Chandramouli, Civil Surgeon (Ophthalmic) (Retired), formerly District Programme Manager, District Blindness Control Society, District Hospital, Srikakulam - Negligence in conducting cataract operations resulting in loss of eyesight by (15) patients in October, 2003 - Disciplinary action - Imposition of punishment of 25% cut in his pension permanently - Orders - Issued.

**HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (VC.II.2) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Ms.No. 60**

**Dated: 17-03-2011.**  
**Read the following:**

1. From the Director of Health, A.P., Hyderabad  
Rc.No.18361/NPCB-2/2003, Dt.22/11/03.
2. G.O.Rt.No.932, H.M.&FW(VC.II) Dept, dt.1-11-2004.
3. G.O.Rt.No.1158, H.M.&FW(VCI) Dept, dt.22-8-2007.
4. Govt.Memo.No.25287/VC.II(2)/2003-13, dt.26-6-2007.
5. Enquiry Report received from the Supdt, Sarojini Devi Eye Hospital in Rc.No.SDEH/Peshi/1476/2008, dt.30-4-2008.
6. Govt.Memo.No.25287/V.C.II(2)/2003-26, Dt.2-8-2010.
7. Explanation of Dr.M.Chandramouli, Rtd. CS(opth) dt.16-8-2010.
8. Govt.Lr.No.25287/VC.II.2/2003-25, Dt.14-10-2010.
9. From the Prl. Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.737/RT-I/3/2010, dt.22-11-2010.

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**ORDER:**

In the reference first read above, the Director of Public Health, A.P. Hyderabad has stated that Dr.M.Chandramouli, Civil Surgeon (Ophthalmic), District Project Manager (DPM) of District Blindness Control Society (DBCS), Srikakulam had conducted eye camps in Polaki and Tankala Duggivalasa Villages in October 2003, with the help of Para Medical/ Ophthalmic Assistant and performed IOL Cataract Surgeries. At the time of post operative check up, one case had shown severe infection i.e. Endophthalmitis. The Civil Surgeon had brought all fifteen patients who developed serious Endophthalmitis following cataract surgery to the District Hospital and treated them for three days before discharging them. However, he never informed the higher authorities about outbreak of serious infection and about loss of vision by fifteen patients even after twenty days of surgery, which shows grave negligence of the officials concerned for the lives of human beings. Dr.M.Chandramouli had discharged the patients without keeping them under observation at District Hospital, Srikakulam and did not follow up their recovery.

2. Dr. Ashok Kumar, Professor (Ophthalmic) was appointed to enquire into the matter and he reported after due enquiry that conduct of camps for cataract operations poses serious threat of infection. Adequate care and caution should have been taken regarding sterilization of equipment, which was not done. This was responsible for serious eye infection of persons who underwent surgery performed by Dr.M.Chandramouli. Dr.M.Chandramouli, Civil Surgeon Specialist was grossly negligent in taking precautions, which resulted in fifteen persons losing their eye sight. This clearly demonstrates the negligence, lack of surgical skills and failure to exercise due diligence by Dr.M.Chandramouli. The Government after examination of the preliminary enquiry report had issued articles of charge against Dr.M.Chandramouli, Civil Surgeon (Ophthalmic), District Hospital, Srikakulam vide references 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> read above. Dr.M.Chandramouli, Civil Surgeon (Ophthalmic) has submitted his explanation to the Government.

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3. After examination of the explanation to the articles of charge which were found unsatisfactory, the Government appointed the Superintendent of Sarojini Devi Eye Hospital, Hyderabad as Enquiry Officer to conduct enquiry into the charges framed against Dr.M.Chandramouli vide reference 4<sup>th</sup> read above. The Enquiry report was submitted by the Enquiry Officer in the reference 5<sup>th</sup> read above. Government after examination of the report of the Enquiry Officer have observed that Dr.M.Chandramouli was responsible for fifteen persons losing eye sight due to negligence, poor-post-operative care, lack of surgical skills, failure to maintain sterile operating conditions. As such the Government under rule 21 (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules 1991, arrived at a provisional decision to impose a penalty of 25% cut in pension permanently on Dr.M.Chandramouli, Civil Surgeon (Ophthalmic) (Retired) and accordingly issued a show cause notice to him duly indicating the factors for seeking his explanation as to why the imposition of the penalty of 25% cut in pension permanently on him, vide reference 6<sup>th</sup> read above. The charged Officer has submitted his explanation to the show cause notice vide reference 7<sup>th</sup> read above.

4. The Government after examination of the explanations of Dr.M.Chandramouli, Civil Surgeon (Ophthalmic) (Retired) and after consulting the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission vide reference 8<sup>th</sup> read above has decided to impose a penalty of 25% cut in pension permanently on Dr.M.Chandramouli, Civil Surgeon (Ophthalmic) (Retired), formerly at District Hospital, Srikakulam, under Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980, Government hereby impose the penalty of 25% cut in pension permanently on Dr.M.Chandramouli, Civil Surgeon (Ophthalmic) (Retired), formerly at District Hospital, Srikakulam.

6. The Director of Public Health, A.P. Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**Dr. P.V.RAMESH**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

Dr.M.Chandramouli, Civil Surgeon (Ophthalmic) (Retired)  
District Hospital, Nalgonda **through** the Director of Public Health,  
A.P. Hyderabad.

The Director of Public Health, A.P. Hyderabad.

**Copy to:**

The Commissioner, A.P. Vaidya Vidhana Parishad, Hyderabad.

The District Medical and Health Officer, Srikakulam.

The District Coordinator of Hospital Services, Srikakulam.

The Superintendent, District Hospital, Srikakulam.

The Accountant General, A.P. Hyderabad.

The Officer on Special Duty to Minister (M&H).

The P.S. to Principal Secretary to Government, HM&FW Department.

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**SECTION OFFICER**